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Sir,

In your solicitation that I should express my opinion of the quality of the Zinc from the Bertha Mines in S. W. Virginia, I respectfully reply, that I have used it for several years past in the reduction of chloride of silver in our Refining Operations, — that the excellent quality of the Reduced Silver is one of the best practical tests of the quality of Zinc — that I employed Belgian, Lehigh and other Commercial Zinc in this operation; — and that none of them equal the Bertha Zinc in quality as proved by this test.

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Respectfully yours
J. H. Booth
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